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EDITORIAL

"With confidence in our armed forces— with the unbounding determination of our people— we will gain the inevitable triumph— so help us God."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt,
December 8, 1941.

HIGHWAY FUNDS

We have read of no plans for the adjustment of the activits of the State Highway Department to anticipated reductions in revenue from wartime conservation of gas and automobiles. Perhaps the State has figured that the increased transportation caused by defense projects in Virginia will offset both the cut in automobile use by civilians, and the increased costs of materials.

Some states have a higher percentage of concrete roads than Virginia. The original cost of concrete roads is high, but in time this may be equalized by maintenance costs. In the past, Virginia's road building task has been to build as much mileage as possible on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Due to the experience that many original rights-of-way had to be abandoned for straighter, safer routes on better grades, it is probably just as well that concrete was not used more extensively. But, now the picture may be altered, and the time may be ripe to study putting down permanent roadways requiring less constant maintenance.

WITHOUT BENEFIT OF SUGAR

(From New York Times)

When Germany had to reduce its consumption of sugar during the last war to almost negligible amounts, and also forego some starch, there was both hardship and benefit. The Reichsmrak, who was as large around as a table set for six shrank visibly, with a lowering of his blood pressure and a vast improvement in his health. The diabetic rate went down. It was the children, the aged and the sick who suffered most.

Perhaps this German experience may have influenced Dr. L. H. Newburgh, the University of Michigan's dietic authority, to throw up his hat and cheer for sugar rationing. He would not give a snap of his fingers for sugar. It's good fuel, to be sure, but so are the starches and the fats of which our diets are largely composed. What we shall have to consume more milk, more whole cereals, more green vegetables, more meats. Instead of a bonbon, reach for a glass of milk, the equivalent of four teaspoonfuls of sugar in calorific value. Or reach for a bowl of oatmeal and cream, which is also good for the bodily furnace. Besides, there are all those vitamins and minerals about which we hear so much and in which sugar is woefully lacking. On a possible reduction in diabetic morbidity the doctor says nothing. Perhaps an annual reduction of 114 pounds of sugar to 72 per person is not enough to show up in the statistics on diabetes, but it is something the doctors will certainly look into when the war is over.

THE FAREWELL ADDRESS IN WAR-TIME

(From Winchster Star)

The impelling motive behind the Farewell Address was Washington's determination not to serve a third term. Disgusted with factional machinations, and restive under the personal and political attacks upon him, he resolved to add to his announcement of retirement certain observations on the trends of the times.

Washington had expected to retire at the end of his first term, and had planned a farewell address to the people at that time. It would have had a precedent in his farewell address to the army on retiring as commander-in-chief. He discussed the subject matter of this projected address with Hamilton, Madison, Jay and his other advisors, but was finally persuaded to serve a second term.

From Mt. Vernon, where Washington was spending the summer of 1796, he sent to Alexander Hamilton a rough outline of his second intended address of farewell. Hamilton was no longer part of the administration but was still close to Washington's counsels. Instead of merely editing the President's draft, Hamilton re-wrote the entire address.

Washington suggested only a few changes in Hamilton's composition, but Hamilton seems to have incorporated some of Washington's suggestions, to have disregarded others. Illness prevented Hamilton from making further improvements. He wrote Washington on returning the final draft— the Farewell Address as we now know it: "Had I health enough, it was my intention to have written it over, in which case I would have both improved and abridged." Norman Hsigood writes in his life of Washington "It is written with a leterary vigor beyond the reach of Washington himself."

Washington's original outline and Hamilton's first draft have both been lost, so there is no way of telling how many of the ideas in the Farewell Address originated with Washington and how many with Hamilton. The final manuscript which Washington presented to the printer was all in his own handwriting. The date is usually given as September 17, 1796, but there is some evidence to indicate that the Address did not actually appear until two days later.

The Farewell Address was not received with unmitigated acclaim. Washington's political opponents felt among other things, that he was directly aiming at current relations with France when he warned against "permanent alliances" the phrase "entangling alliances" was first used by Jefferson in his first inaugural) while consenting to "temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies." It was charged that the President was trying to head off a treaty with France, after having concluded one, the unpopular Jay treaty, with England, and another with Spain.

THE "FOX-HOLES" OF BATAAN

Sometimes correspondents go to extremes in order to paint a word picture. Although we sop up every word that comes over the cables telling about our heroes in Bataan Peninsula of the Philippines, under General McArthur, we confess we're getting tired of reading of our heroes hiding in the Bataan "FOX-HOLES?" Nearly every report from the Philippines brings in mention of the "Fox-holes of the Bataan Peninsula." For goodness sake, what manner of foxes do they have, that fully equipped soldiers can virtually live in them for week after weary week?

What a hunting country that Bataan Peninsula must have been.

Speaking of McArthur . . . he is heads and shoulders above anything else we've shown so far on the fighting front, and we think its high time he was either given help or else fetchd out of Bataan alive. Washington should not crucify McArthur! The President has pledged that we already have "6 or 8 A.E.F.'s" westered around the globe. We have sent troops to Iceland, troops to Ireland, troops to Alaska, troops to Panama, troops to Newfoundland, troops to Java, and troops to Australia. Our Army is spread out thin as the hair on a machine gun. We are taking amazing risks on a dozen fronts, gambling our past savings our present lives and our future as a civilization, anywhere and everywhere . . . but when it comes to the ONE HERO, the one man of action and accomplishment, we suddenly become CAUTIOUS!

Public opinion in America recently made Congress repeal the pension grab. Now, so soon, public opinion will demand one of two things:

1- RE-ENFORCE McARTHUR
OR
2- RESCUE McARTHUR.

Our readers can vouch for the fact that we have had very little to say about the war since December 7th. We have felt that our leaders should be given complete confidence in their prosecution of a war America did not seek.

But we do speak out in the matter of GENERAL McARTHUR, because our Government is responsible for our inadequate plans to defend the Philippines. We had some ability in the Pearl Harbor incident, but any fifth grade school child would surely know that apropos war with Japan, our first decision must be to defend or not to defend the Philippines. Our administration bungled the Philippine defense by refusing to build long-range fighter planes. We have no fighter planes we can fly to Manila Bay! Why? Because the Army had no practical conception of the defense of the Philippines. We tucked a division of troops within hollering distance of Japan, gave them no air power, and made no arrangements to either re-enforce or rescue them! The heroic stand of McArthur does not obscure the fact he was put behind the eight-ball by bungling brass hats.

The "McArthur Campaign' is the administration's baby. Let the administration prepare to face the bar of public accountability on the Bataan problem.

THE REALITIES OF WAR

One subject discussed at a recent press conference held by President Roosevelt, was as to the criticism which many persons are making that the American people are too complacent about the present war situation. It is claimed they are not sufficiently disturbed about the threat to this country created by Axis victories.

Complacency means self satisfaction. Many of our leaders believe the American people are far too well satisfied with the things they and their country are doing in the war crisis. It has been claimed that the majority of the American people do not act as if they realized that the country faces a serious war peril.

The American people are often said to have a certain happy-go-lucky temperament, which assumes that everything will be all right, without great effort on their part. They think the country has always been able to land on its feet, and that somehow it will come out all right in the present war.

A hopeful view of any situation is a help, but if it leads people to relax effort it is not so good. The United States is in for a long fight. As heavy casualty lists come in, the nation will cry out in its hour of suffering for a greater effort to win the war quickly. Any persons, groups of people, or institutions or interests that are believed to have obstructed the national erort by their indifference or self-seeking will be very unpopular.

The United States has seen great perils before this, and it came through them all right. In the old days the people had a capacity for tremendous egort. The average run of modern Americans have as a rule gotten used to a fairly easy life. Our soldiers in the camps are showing a splendid spirit, and they will do their part. It is up to the folks who stay at home to back them up in every possible way. —Peninsula Enterprise

Those around the Naval Air Station at Miami, Florida, tell this story:

An American applied at a Canadian recruiting office to enlist.

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"No, thanks," was the reply, "I'm such a poor shot I'd rather work on a straight salary."

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THE PARABLES BY THE SEA

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:26-32; Matthew 13:44-50.
GOLDEN TEXT—Never man spake like this man.—John 7:46.

Parables as a means of conveying truth reached perfection in the hands of the Master Teacher, Jesus. Taking short stories of well-known events or facts from daily life, He presented profound truth in the most simple and attractive form.

Except for the parable of the four kinds of seed sown, He interpreted (Matt. 13:18-23), He left it to His listeners to make their own application. This has led to some difference of opinion, but in general the parables are self-explanatory as well-lent and helpful portions of God's Word.

In the two passages of Scripture assigned for our lesson, we have five parables. Each with a distinctive message, yet together pointing out that there is a time of growth leading to harvest and judgment, and that our gracious God has at great cost provided a way of redemption.

I. Normal Growth Is Blessed (Mark 4:26-29).

God is patient. He awaits the normal, healthy, steady growth of the seed. Man is so impatient he must have forced growth, artificial stimulation, and even artificial ripening of the fruit.

The same attitude enters into his care of his children. They must get ahead in school beyond their years. They must get out and make a living long years before they have learned to make a life. Why not let them mature in the orderly, God-given way?

The same is true in the work of the church. There must be immediate "tangible" results or he will not give his support. Anyone with judgment knows that spiritual life takes time to develop, and that spiritual results cannot be judged by physical or tangible standards.

Seedtime, growing time, normal ripening, then harvest — that is God's order and it is a good one.

II. Abnormal Growth Is Dangerous (Mark 4:30-32).

Normally the mustard tree is a small plant, and when it grew into a great tree something abnormal had taken place. Birds which always denote something unclean in Scripture) came to lodge in its branches.

Just so, Christianity was never intended to be made up of a nominally Christian world empire in which ungodly men (the dark birds of the evil one, Matt. 13:19) should find comfortable lodgment. Unfortunately, that is just what happened to Christianity in the so-called conquest of the Roman empire at the time of Constantine. The results were disastrous. The same principle is evident today in the control of much of the church by worldly men.

III. Redemption Is Costly (Matt. 13:44-46).

While it is true that our redemption is worth more than anything else in all the world and that the Christian would gladly set aside (or would he?) everything for Christ's sake, yet that does not fulfill the thought of this parable. After all, what has a sinner (whose own rights-eousness is described in Scripture as "filthy rags") to sell in order to obtain redemption? And is it for sale? (See Eph. 2:8.)

Obviously we here have the Saviour with His all-seeing eye and loving heart noting in fallen humanity the pearl of great price, His own Church. He then gives up all the glory He had with the Father, comes to the earth, and even becomes sin for us that He may bring us to God.

Salvation in Christ is no little thing, not something which was purchased with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ. We ought to value it highly, and because we are bought with a price we ought always to glorify God (I Cor. 6:28).

IV. Judgment Is Certain (Matt. 13:47-50).

All kinds of fish were in the net, and until the cord was drawn and the net emptied they looked much alike and enjoyed much the same standing as "citizens" of the sea. But when they faced the fisherman there was a quick division, and a final judgment upon the bad ones.

It is true that in God's kingdom (as it is now manifested in "mystery" in the Church) there are many who have come in by false profession, through carelessness of pastors or church officials, etc. They go through the motions, they look and act much like Christians (although even here they create questions in the minds of true followers of Christ). The day is coming, however, when they shall stand in judgment before the Christ whom they profess to love and follow. How terrible shall be their doom!

They need not wait in fear for that day. They may now, today, make right their relationship with God.

IOWA JUDGE AT CAMP LEE

An Iowa judge and a sergeant of the last war who was wounded in action, are among the new arrivals at Camp Lee's reception center.

Judge William R. Rule, of Iowa's Franklin County Court, laid aside his gavel to volunteer, and now he is known as "private" instead of "Your Honor." "I am a fanatic on this subject of democracy, and I am determined that Hitler and Mussolini shall not shove their totalitarian system down our throats. I've always believed that a good army must be composed of people from all walks of life."

A bar of decorations for campaigns of the last war is on the left breast of Private Carl E. Houchins. Sergeant in the 40th Engineers in 1918, he saw action in the Alsne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, and Chateau Thierry drives. Convinced this war is everybody's if the United States is to survive, the Virginian by birth, and grandfather now, experienced no novelty in enlisting once again. Grayhended but erect, Private Houchins has formed a high opinion of the men of the new Army.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 24.- The Liberty Chapel home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. D. Childers the 19th inst. Mrs. Ella S. Anderson explained the importance of cultivating better gardens and eating vegetablesee that give our bodies the essential vitamines for strength and increased vitality. We are also advisad of the shortage of seed,and it is advisable to order seed early. Our government also is asking us to increase our garden products 25 per cent this year. Let us make our Victory Gardens a success.

Miss Bernie Booker left a few days ago for Grace Hospital, Richmond, where she is entering training as a nurse.

Misses Barbara Caldwell, Virginia Jones and Ann Cawthorn were recent guests of Miss Jacqueline Megginson.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Lyle N. Garrette visited his mother, Mrs. Nellie S. Garrette last Thursday and Friday. He was called to active service at Fortress Monroe the 23rd inst., after serving several years as an active agricultural instructor for Campbell county.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman, and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Garrette and son, David, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hatcher Sunday.

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